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## BRITAIN AIMS TO STOP WAR

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### Conflicting Claims On Jerusalem

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Scarborough, May 19. The Deputy Prime Minister, Mr. Herbert Morrison, plodded today that the Government will do everything possible, either alone or with other powers, to end the present warfare in Palestine when he addressed the Party's annual convention here. He hinted that the Holy Land fighting might be ended by some kind of diplomatic action. His speech, however, contained no indication that the Government has changed its mind about evacuating troops from Palestine as rapidly as possible.

"There is no point now in any of us having recrimination about the past. A new chapter of fighting and bloodshed is opening up in Palestine," he said.

Jewish troops have broken into Jerusalem's old walled city and linked up with Jewish defenders there, Israeli Military Headquarters in Tel-Aviv announced today.

In Cairo, an Arab League spokesman who declined to be identified by name, said all the Jews in Jerusalem surrendered to the Transjordan Arab Legion last night and claimed Arabs had complete control of the Holy City today. The Jewish announcement said Jewish troops broke through the

Arab-held Zion gate in an attack at midnight. The attack on the gate came, it said, just a few hours after a Jewish assault captured Mount Zion gate yesterday.

Flight was heavy throughout the night, the Jewish announcement said, and by daybreak Jews had broadened their breach in the Arab ring around the old city.

The Arab League spokesman in Cairo gave no details of his claim that all of Jerusalem was in Arab hands. Latest reports from inside the Holy City said King Abdullah's Desert Legion had the city in a grip of steel and the strategic outlook for Jews there appeared hopeless.

The Arab spokesman said the daughter of Moshe Shertok, was Foreign Minister of Israel, was among the prisoners taken at Kefar Etzion when that settlement fell to the Arab Legion earlier.

Meanwhile, Irgun Zvai Leumi said its Jewish fighters were pressing in on Ramle, Arab city astride the Jerusalem-Tel-Aviv highway, an artery over which

Arabs and Jewish have fought bitterly.

Jewish headquarters here said the Jewish Army seized the Sarafand military camp, 15 miles southeast of Tel Aviv and Jaffa, in a nightlong battle.

The former British military camp is astride the main road to Jerusalem. It virtually adjoins the Arab stronghold of Ramle, which is under attack by Irgun Zvai Leumi forces.

### Avoided Reply

Plans had been made for temporary evacuation of residents in the Shaukiwan area, opposite Devil's Peak, as a safety measure.

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## Circular 131 Modified

Shanghai, May 19. The Central Bank of China today modified its recent controversial circular No. 131—requiring importers to deposit 50 per cent of the cost of goods ordered and deferring the settlement of foreign exchange until the arrival of the imported cargo—by making an exception for raw materials imported for the production of export goods.

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## BCOF Strength To Be Less Than 5,000

Tokyo, May 19. By the end of this year, the total strength of the British Commonwealth occupation forces in Japan will probably be substantially less than 5,000, reliable British circles revealed today.

With the withdrawal of the New Zealand ground forces by September, the force will consist of one depleted Australian infantry brigade and a small Australian-New Zealand air group.

Today, none of the Australian battalions can muster more than 200 men and senior officers have little hope of reinforcements.

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### LARGE PYTHON SEEN NEAR GAP RD.

A large python, measuring some 40 feet in length, is reported to have been seen in the vicinity of Gap Road near Shubba Road on Monday last.

If General MacArthur approves, however, it is expected that the bulk of Australian forces will be concentrated in the Tokyo area. Unofficial confirmation of this is evidenced by recent enquiries by the British Commonwealth forces newspaper into the practicality of publishing in Tokyo, instead of in Okala—Reuter.

### Britain's Transjordan Obligation

London, May 18.

A Foreign Office spokesman was asked tonight whether Britain would continue to allow British officers to serve with the Transjordan forces, pay a subsidy to the Transjordan Army, and provide arms for Transjordan, Egypt and Iraq in spite of the outbreak of fighting in Palestine.

He replied: "Unless and until the United Nations decides that such action is illegal, there is no reason for Britain to depart from her treaty obligations."

The spokesman added that there are at present 40 British officers serving with the Transjordan forces, 30 of whom have been seconded from the British Army.

The Commander of the Arab Legion and two other officers were seconded to Transjordan from the service of the Palestine Government, the spokesman said.

The subsidy to Transjordan is generally believed to total £2,000,000 annually, which has been voted by Parliament until the end of the present financial year in April, 1949. The British Government was consequently under statutory obligation to continue at least until that date. The next instalment of the subsidy is due to be paid in two months time—Reuter.

### Concession For Riot Victims

Canton, May 19.

British nationals and commercial houses who lost their personal effects and office equipment during the Shaukiwan Incident of Jan. 16 may have their replacements imported free of duty.

Those who have already obtained import licences and brought in their replacements may claim a refund of Customs duty.

Instructions to this effect have been despatched by the Inspector-General of Customs to the Commissioner of Customs in Canton.

But before this concession is granted "replacement" importers have to comply with some irksome formalities.

British nationals and firms concerned are required to give a detailed list of the replacements and forward it to the Embassy in Nanking for transmission to the Foreign Ministry. The latter in turn will notify the authorities in Canton.—Reuter.

## Health Week For Colony Next Week

Hong Kong is to have a Health Week—a week of educating the people in the cause of disease and methods of combating it.

The campaign has been drawn up by a committee of 20 members of the Health Department and will start on Monday.

Special posters have been put up for each day of the campaign—from Monday to Saturday.

Posters will be delivered in English from Z.B.W. and in Chinese from Z.E.K. every night.

Each day of the campaign will be devoted to one subject—infant welfare, flies, cause of diseases, mosquitoes and malaria, splitting and plagues, and inoculations and vaccinations.

A motor-van will tour side streets in the Chinese areas and display films on health subjects. The van will be used in Hong Kong on Monday and Tuesday, Kowloon on Wednesday and Thursday and New Territories on Friday and Saturday.

Short lectures will also be given through loud-speakers at street corners.

Arrangements have been made for a medical exhibition special slides before performances, while the Chamber of Commerce is to provide a special train which will be driven through the city exhibiting

### Prayers For Chiang And Li

Peiping, May 19. Priests from Peiping's famed Yung-hsing or Temple of Affable Harmony today said prayers over the Peiping broadcasting station for the President and Vice-President of China.

The priests who are Mongols and Tibetans belonging to the orthodox Lama sect prayed for their long life and for the good fortune of the Chinese nation.—Associated Press.

### Hong Kong Inauguration Celebration

Two processions are to be held by local Chinese to-day to celebrate the inauguration of the President and Vice-President of China.

Both processions will consist of decorated motor lorries, one on the island and one in Kowloon.

The route to be followed by the procession in Hong Kong is:

Southorn Playground (start), Lockhart Road, Percival Street, Hennessy Road, Johnston Road, Hennessy Road, Queen's Road East, Queen's Road Central, Queen's Road West, Centre Street, Des Voeux Road West, Wing Lok Street, Des Voeux Rd. Central, Jubilee Street, Connaught Road Central, Murray Road, Queen's Road East, Arsenal Street, Lockhart Road, Southorn Playground (disperse).

The route to be followed by the procession in Kowloon is:

MacPherson Playground (start), Nelson Street, Nathan Road, Jordan Road, Shanghai Street, Lai-chuk Road, Nanchang Street, Tai-poo Road, Nathan Road, Nelson Street, MacPherson Playground (disperse).

### 21-Gun Salute Will Mark Inauguration

Nanking, May 19. The firing of a 21-gun salute at 0100 GMT tomorrow will signal the opening of the six-year term of China's first Constitutional President and Vice-President.

President Chiang Kai-shek and Vice-President Li Tsung-jen will take office in a brief ceremony before an estimated 3,000 guests in the auditorium where they were elected by the National Assembly two weeks ago.

The President will accept the resignations of the Premier and Cabinet immediately and was expected to send his nomination of Chiang Chün to continue as Premier to the Legislative Yuan immediately in order to speed re-organisation of the national Government.

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### BIG COTTON TEXTILE DEAL

Tokyo, May 19.

SCAP has approved the sale of US\$37,000,000 worth of Japanese cotton textiles to the Netherlands East Indies. This was believed the largest sales contract in textile industry.

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## Cotton Mill Dispute Negotiation

Another meeting between the Chinese Spinning and Weaving General Labour Union and the Nanyang Cotton Mills, Ltd., is scheduled for tomorrow, to settle the current dispute involving 150 workers of the Nanyang Mills.

Chinese labour circles said yesterday that following the ultimatum sent by the Union to the Mills last weekend, demanding reinstatement of the 150 workers, the Mills have decided to re-employ about 130.

The meeting, tomorrow, presumably at the Labour Office, will attempt to reach an amicable settlement.

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Leeds, May 18. Four were killed and 20 injured seriously when a passenger express train jumped the tracks today near Wath-on-Dearne, Yorks.—Reuter.

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## 200 WALK OUT ON CHINESE CHAMBER ELECTION MEETING

An attempt by some 200 members to block the election of the 20-member supervisory committee at yesterday's annual general meeting of the Chinese General Chamber of Commerce failed when the majority present called for the election to continue.

The dissident members thereupon walked out in a flurry amidst shouts and frenzied hand waving from both sides, and it was fully five minutes before the meeting was again called to order.

All precautions were taken to ensure that no disorder would mar the meeting, and Police officers, both uniformed and plain-clothed, were in attendance.

The meeting opened at 2 p.m. with the Chairman, Mr. Tung Chung-wai, in the chair. On the platform with him were the Vice-Chairman, Mr. Kwok Chan, the Chamber's Legal Adviser, Hon. Mr. M.K. Lo, C.B.E., and the Secretary, Mr. H.Y. Tao.

About half a dozen members then all spoke at the same time, and pandemonium reigned for some five minutes, cul-

minating in the walk-out of some 200 dissident members amidst shouts of protest at the irregularity of the whole proceedings.

Supervisory Committee

When order was restored a count revealed that 604 were still present as against an original of 939 when the meeting opened.

Electing of the 20-member supervisory committee then proceeded without further hitch, and the following were elected:

Messrs. J.M. Wong, Wong Talcu, Li Man-ki, Chan You-ylu, Chan Wai-sang, Chan Ching-to, Yeuk-lam, Lo Kwok-min, Wong Ping-kwan, Wong Tong, Fan-fan-yan, Chan Kam-po, Kwok Chun-shing, Li Hin-leung, Wong Yin-ching, Tam Kwok-wong, Mok Chun-tong, Chi Wai-chi, Ho Li-po and Dr. Li Ping-sum.

The committee will supervise the election of the new General Committee of the Chamber, from whose ranks the new Chairman and Vice-Chairman will be elected.

Notice Necessary

Mr. M.K. Lo told the meeting that the agenda before it was to proceed with the election of a supervisory committee and not to discuss the legality or illegality of the meeting.

In his experience as legal adviser to the Chamber for over 10 years there had never been an occasion when disputes could not be amicably settled, and it pained him very much that this fine tradition was now broken by certain members who had taken the issue to a Court of Law.

It was not possible to hold the annual general meeting in April because under the new constitution 21 days notice had to be given, and the best they could do was to hold it today.

"The Committee has done all that was humanly possible. What else do you expect them to do?" continued Mr. Lo with some heat.

"This meeting is called to transact the business set out on its

agenda," he said.

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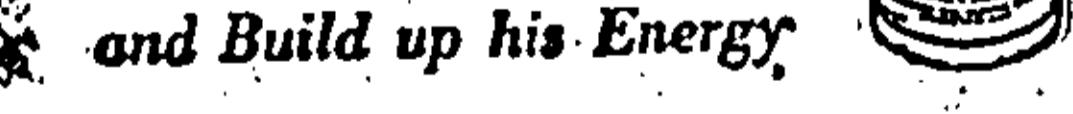
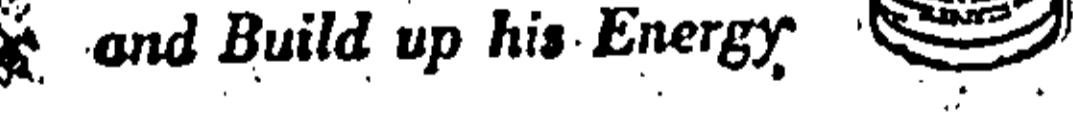
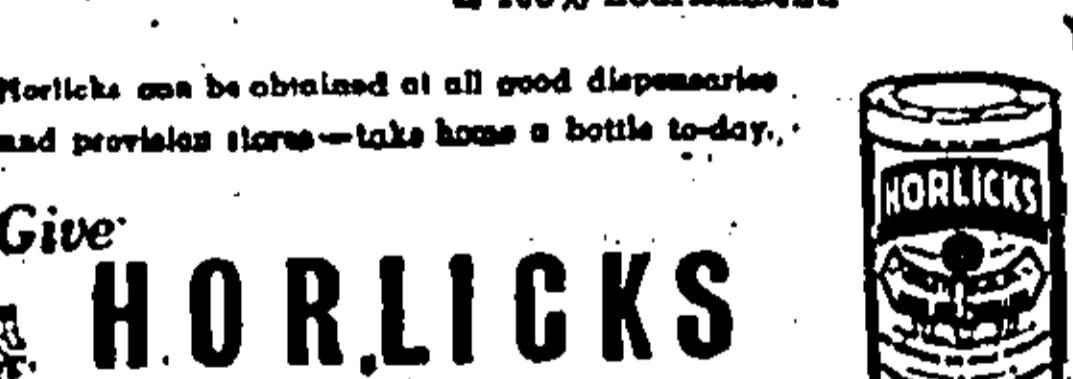
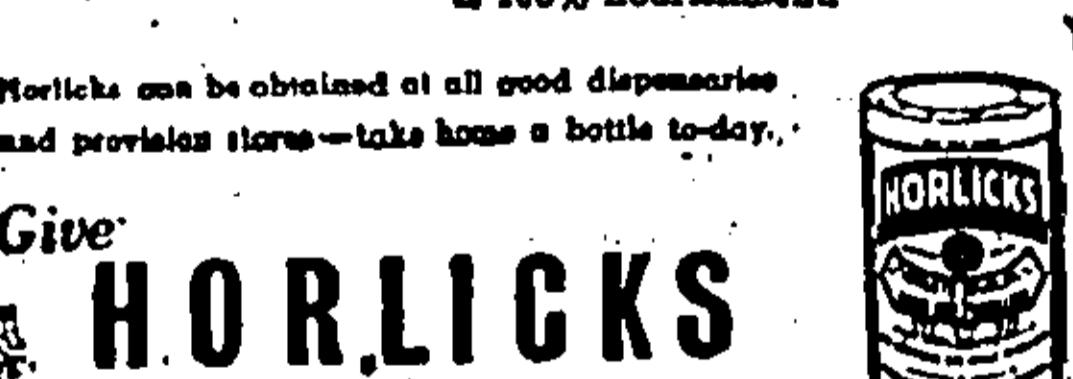
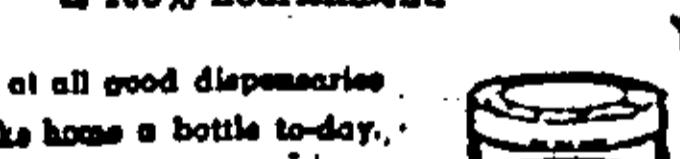
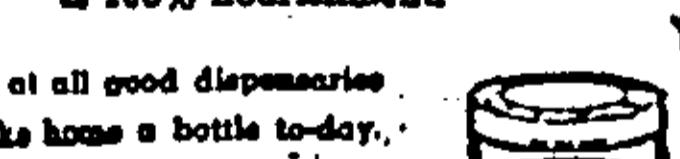
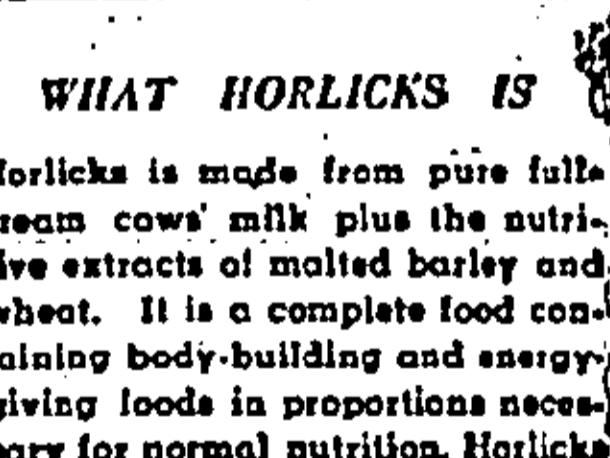
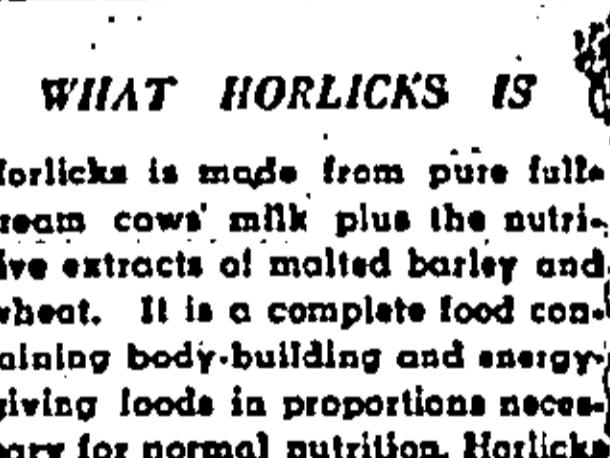
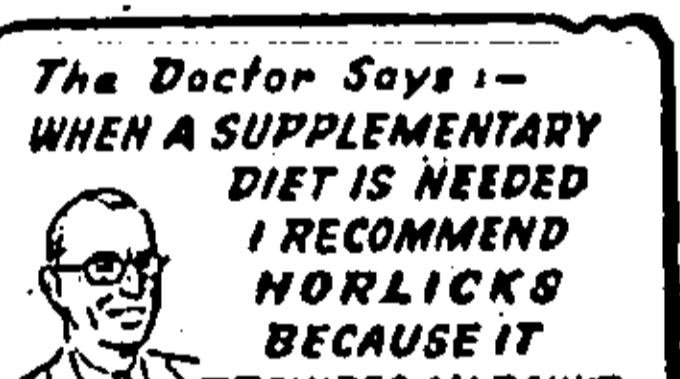
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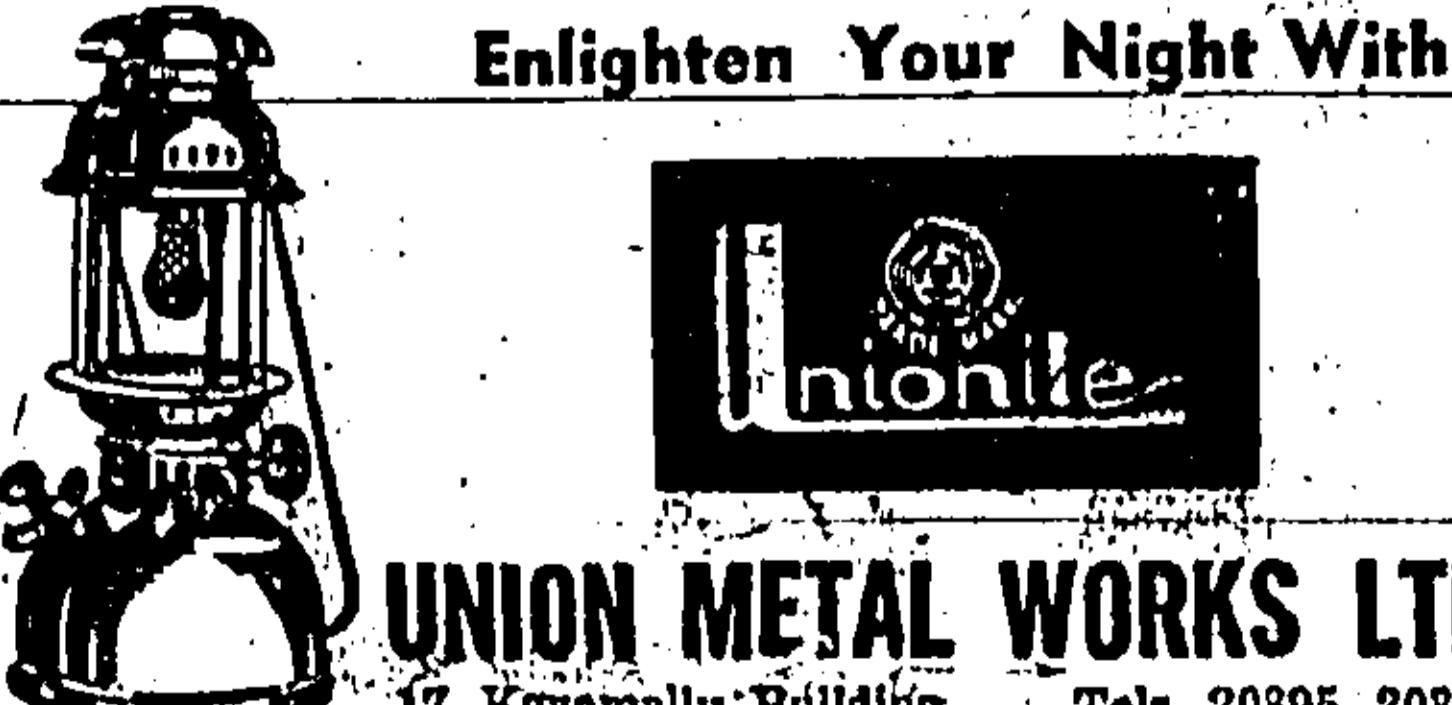


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## Damages Judgment Reserved

Judgment was reserved yesterday by Mr. Justice E. H. Williams (Chief Justice), in the case in which the Wo Loong Hong of Bank of Canton Building, sued The Canton Overseas Trading Co., Ltd., of Holland House, for damages for alleged breach of contract in regard to the sale of 500 pieces of dry shaved buffalo hides.

Yesterday's proceedings were mainly confined to closing addresses.

The Hon. Mr. Leo d'Almada e Castro, K.C. instructed by Mr. Sidney Ng Quin of Messrs. Bruton & Co., appeared for the Wo Loong Hong.

The Canton Overseas Trading Co., Ltd., were represented by Mr. B.A. Bernacchi, instructed by Mr. F.D. Hammond.

In their statement of claim, the plaintiffs allege that the contract was entered into on April 20, 1947, at the price of \$245 per picul less half per cent f.o.b. The buffalo hides weighed 154 piculs and 34 1/2 catties, valued at \$37,624.34. Defendants refused to take delivery of hides or to pay for them. The plaintiffs claimed \$10,614.00, the difference between the contract price and the price prevailing on Aug. 8, 1947, and costs.

A counter claim was filed by defendants, who alleged breach of contract on the part of plaintiffs.

## Personalia

The Air Officer Commanding Air Commodore S.N. Webster, CBE, AFC, returned to Kai Tak yesterday afternoon by R.A.F. Sunderland Flying Boat from Singapore.

The Air Commodore together with Air Marshal Sir Hugh P. Lloyd, KBE, CB, MC, DFC, Commander-in-Chief, Air Command Far East and other senior officers recently attended exercises "PANDORA" at Old Sarum, England.

Peninsula Hotel arrivals:—E. A. Rattue, A. W. Hartley, Mrs. C. P. Burnie, and Miss M. A. Rossey.

Peninsula departures:—Mr. and Mrs. R. Vargas, Mr. and Mrs. A. Ormiston, Mrs. M. I. Anderson and Edmond D. Esse.

The following forthcoming weddings have been announced:

Mr. Cyril George Caton, R.N. F.A.B. H.M.S. "Tamar", to Miss Eileen Mary Roche, Army (ADS), 39 MacDonnell Road.

Mr. Ian Charles Mack, Banker, Penang, Malaya, to Miss Alithe Beryl Hope, Kunming, Yunnan, China.

Mr. Gerald Edward Gagnon, Cashier, 16 Fook Wing Street, Shumshuiipo, to Miss Chan Kam-

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The annual general meeting of

the British Legion (Hong Kong and China Branch) will be held on 5.30 p.m. tomorrow at the Board Room of the South China Morning Post.

Curfew is said to have

been clamped down in the western outskirts of Peiping last night when gunfire was audible in many parts of the city.

Government reverses were also

reported from north Hupeh, where the Communists are reported to have captured the missionary centre of Laohekou after a short engagement. There is no news of the fate of the foreign missionaries in the city.—Reuter.

## EXORBITANT PROFITS UNDER FIRE

Scarborough, May 18. The Labour Party today urged its leaders in the Government to take sterner action to "curb exorbitant profit distribution."

So far, the Government has relied upon voluntary appeals to manufacturers and trading organisations to cut their dividends.

Mr. Hugh Dalton, the Party's Executive spokesman and former Chancellor of the Exchequer, made clear to the Party Conference here that the Government would take further measures if it proved necessary.

"If it should appear that certain monopolists are ignoring this request that would be an argument for putting them into the next list of priorities for socialisation," he said.

With the demand for action to curb dividends, the Conference coupled general approval of the Government's economic policies to boost production and fight inflation.

It accepted the party statement—"production, the bridge to socialism," supporting the Government's economic plans, discussion of which was introduced by Mr. Herbert Morrison, the Deputy Prime Minister.

## Cost Of Living

It passed a resolution welcoming the Government's efforts to establish a policy for wages, profits and other incomes, designed to prevent inflation.

The resolution insisted that the basis of such a policy must be the stabilisation of the cost of living.

Mr. Morrison told the delegates there would have to be greater production. The country's dim-

culties could not be met by "squeezing" capitalists any further or by any short cut, other than producing more."

## Subsidy Vote

Today's session ended with the first defeat of the Executive during the Conference. Delegates voted against any protection in or withdrawal of the 2,400 million subsidies paid by the Government to keep down food prices.

Dr. Edith Summerskill, the Party's most popular woman leader, who is Parliamentary Secretary to the Ministry of Food, unsuccessfully urged the Executive view that the Chancellor of the Exchequer should have discretion in fixing the amount of subsidies, but assured the delegates that subsidies on essential rationed foods would not be withdrawn.

The Prime Minister, Mr. Clement Attlee, will address the Conference when it resumes tomorrow.—Reuter.

## Reminders

Today, 12.45 p.m.  
W.M. Club, Luncheon, Roof  
Garden, H.K. Hotel.

Chinamen Native Dances by Work-  
ers' Children Schools, St.  
John's Cathedral Hall, 8.30  
p.m.

## Coming Events

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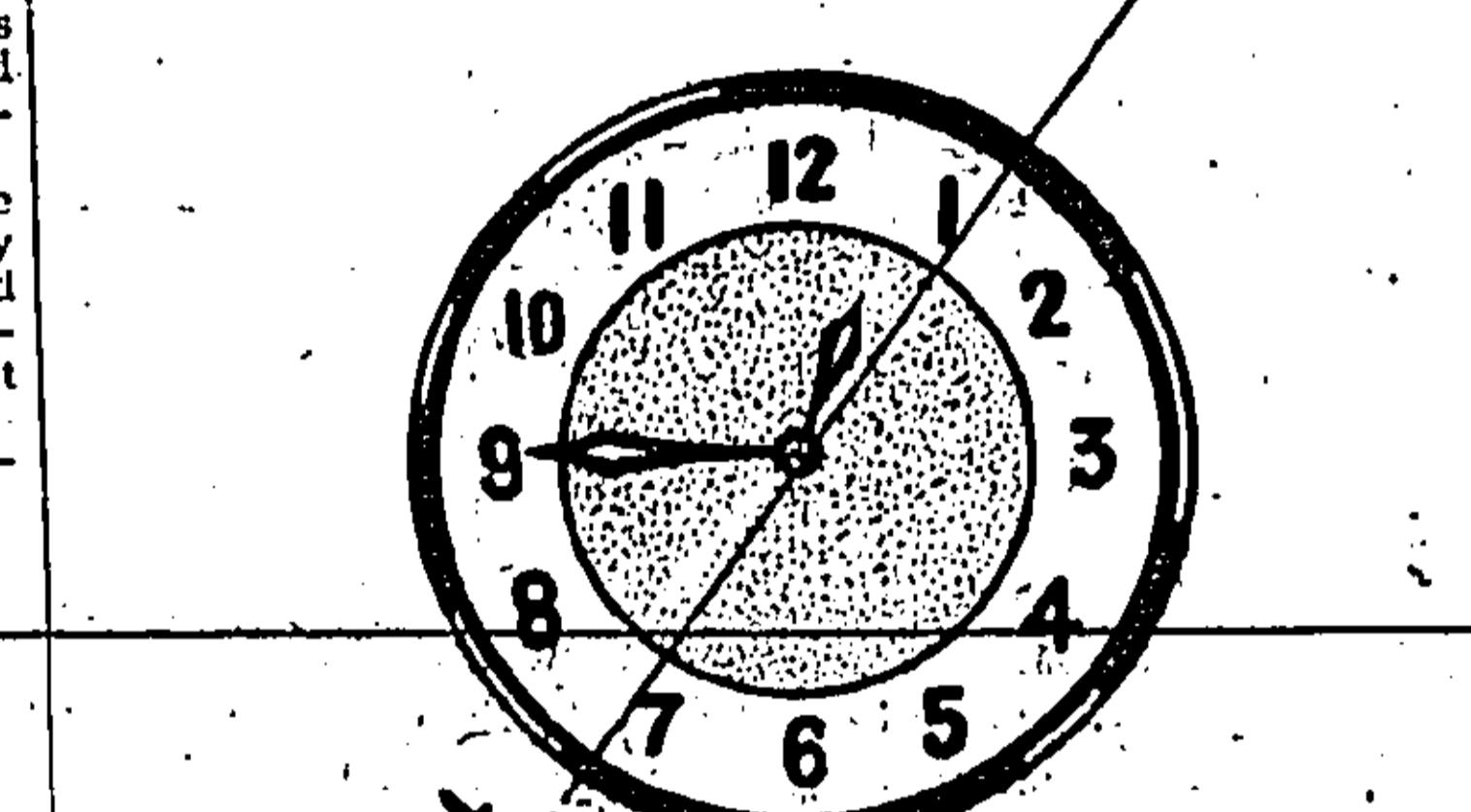
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## PROSECUTOR DECRIMES SLANDEROUS CLAIMS AGAINST POLICE

"If the practice of making criminal slanderous allegations against Police Officers is allowed to go on unchecked, it will eventually lead to people refusing to come forward to perform a public service."

### Alipur Coal Case Ends

"The Alipur Coal Case," which lasted exactly three months, came to an end yesterday with the conviction of one (represented by Mr. J.M. d'Almada Remedios), and the acquittal of the other (defended by Mr. Marcus da Silva), of the five original defendants charged before Mr. W.A. Blair-Kerr on Feb. 19.

Chan Cheung (45) was sentenced to four months' hard labour (to date from Feb. 18) on the charge of the larceny of the nine tons of coal from the s/s "Alipur," and to a fine of \$500 (or another two months' simple imprisonment) on the charge of conspiring to steal the coal.

Cheng Ngan (31), coal yard folk, was acquitted on the counts of conspiracy, trespassing and unlawful possession.

On the application of Sub-Inspector Channing, \$754 realised from the sale of the coal was ordered to be returned to Messrs. Williamson and Co., the owners. The Magistrate further ordered the \$370 "ten-money" paid to Water Police Watchman Wong Kam-fuk (30) to be donated to the Poor Box.

Wong was fined \$250 on March 9 for negligence of duty. Cheng Kin 23-year-old coal yard keeper (defended by Mr. Marcus da Silva), charged with receiving stolen property, and Lee Wah-kai (53), odd-job contractor, charged with larceny and conspiracy to steal, were acquitted on April 23.

"A case of stupidity" was heard by Mr. W.H. Latimer at Kowloon yesterday when Robert Lynn Henshaw, 21-year-old Canadian seaman of s/s "Lake Manitou," was charged with the malicious damage of a piano at the Star Hotel, 23 Nathan Road, on May 19.

Inspector J. Orem said that at 12.15 a.m. on May 19 three Europeans, including the accused, went to the hotel, drunk. Defendant wanted to play the piano but the manager, David Cheung, told him that it was locked. Henshaw then forced the lid open, causing \$10 damage to the locking apparatus.

It was a case of stupidity, said Inspector Orem. Defendant was very docile when taken into custody by the Police and gave no trouble whatever in the Station.

The Magistrate cautioned defendant and ordered him to pay \$10 compensation to complainant.

## Bank Of Portugal Directives

Lisbon, May 18.  
With the object of halting the drain on Portuguese hard currency reserves, the Bank of Portugal today issued two directives to Portuguese banks.

It states that these banks may not credit escudos to anyone outside Portuguese territory without the Bank of Portugal's previous authority.

The most important of certain exceptions listed in the circular is that banks may credit escudo accounts, in their own books, of persons domiciled abroad when these are the proceeds of dollar or Swiss franc purchases.

Formerly, sale of dollars and Swiss francs was subject to a Bank of Portugal licence, which was granted only in cases of ex-

ceptional importance. This restriction, however, was avoided by purchases of dollars and Swiss francs—subsequently credited in escudos in Lisbon—from foreign banks—with balances—with their Portuguese counterparts.

The second circular directed that no account of persons domiciled at home or abroad may be credited with the proceeds of notes from the Bank of Portugal.

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## Pretended He Owned Cheque

Six months' hard labour was imposed on Chu Chung-yi, 20, Shanghai Chinese, by Mr. Thomas Tam at Central Magistracy yesterday on a charge of attempting to obtain money from Leung Chan-chou by pretending that he was the owner of cheque number 168827 for \$1,766.25.

Inspector A.F. Cochrane, prosecuting, said that on April 5 a fok of the "On Fat" Company went to the bank to pay in two cheques. He left the paying in book with the two cheques inside on the counter until his turn came to be attended. He was given back the book which he took to his office.

On examining the book the master found that only one cheque had been paid in. There was a leaf torn from the book.

He rang up the bank and told them to stop the cheque if any one came for payment. He also got in touch with the police.

On April 6 Leung Chan Chou of the International Company went to cash the cheque. He told the police that the cheque had been given to him by a customer who had bought \$250 worth of woolen cloth and that he was going to call for the material and the change that afternoon.

A policeman was sent to the shop, where a coolie came for the defendant.

Leung saw Chu outside and the police arrested him. The coolie was from St. Francis Hotel where defendant had intended to move.

### Dropped Ring

A Police patrol car was in the vicinity. After accused had run away, the complainant made a noise, which attracted the Police in the patrol car. Chase was given and accused was arrested. When he was caught, he dropped the ring, which complainant identified as her property.

The accused was taken to the Police Station where, about two hours after his arrest, he made a statement. The next day, he was charged with robbery and made another statement.

After evidence in support of the case for the Crown had been given, accused, in a statement from the dock, alleged that the ring had been given to him by complainant to pawn. Accused also alleged that he was beaten by the Police.

Addressing the Court after the jury had returned their verdict, Mr. Lonsdale said that it was scandalous to make criminal slanderous allegations against the Police, especially a Police Reservist who had come forward to perform, without payment, a public service. The making of such slanderous allegations could involve the accused in a prosecution for perjury. Mr. Lonsdale said that if the making of these allegations was allowed to continue unchecked, it would finally lead to people refusing to come forward to perform a public service.

### "Completely Unfounded"

Before passing sentence, Mr. Justice Gould said to accused: "You have been found guilty by the jury on the clearest evidence possible. In passing sentence, I am entitled to take into consideration your conduct since the time of your arrest. I find that you have made allegations against the Police which you knew to be completely unfounded—allegations which you did not consider worth while to go into the witness box to support by evidence. For those reasons, I regard your offence more seriously than otherwise. You are sentenced to five years' hard labour and 12 strokes of the cane."

Hui Chung-fai (28), charged with making a false report to the Kowloon City Police at 2.15 p.m. on May 12, had a dispute with his principal tenant over rent and went to the Tenancy Tribunal for a reduction.

In retaliation, principal tenant Chow Kap (48) applied for a Distress Warrant against defendant.

Although defendant was present at the auction and knew who bought his bed-boards, he nevertheless reported to the Police that the boards (and clothing) were stolen from his cubicle. He brought Det. 1070 Yiu Yung and pointed out his bedboards in a cubicle occupied by Lam Shing-king (48).

Lam told the detective that he bought the boards at an auction and produced the auctioneer's receipt for the \$12.50 paid. Further inquiries by Det. Yiu Yung brought to light the real facts of the case, said SI Howarth.

Defendant was fined \$100 or four weeks' simple imprisonment.

### New War Crime Trial

A war crime trial against three Japanese officials will open tomorrow at 9 a.m. in No. 1 Australian War Crimes Court, in Kowloon City.

Major A. Mackay, Australian Div. SCAP (HQ) Tokyo, will prosecute while Lt-Col. F. Pullen (President), Major J.K. Lloyd, Major N.F. Quinton and Capt. M. Timbale will comprise the Tribunal.

The accused, Naval Lieut. Mihajim Sagelima, Chief Petty Officer Kenzo Hoyama and Shokuh Kohama, civilian administrator attached to the Naval South Seas Staff, are charged with the murder of the Rev. Leonard Kemplash of Dobo, on Aroré Island on Feb. 5, 1944.

Capt. J. Wogan-Brown, Buffs, will sit as Advisory Officer for the defence.

The trial of Admiral Tahara Susumu and 16 of his Halman POW camp associates adjourned for a two-week recess yesterday for preparation of closing addresses by prosecution and defense and summing up by the Court.

NEW ONE TO MAGISTRATE

"That's a new one to me," said Mr. W.H. Latimer at Kowloon yesterday when Wong Lung, 26-year-old coolie, pleaded that he returned to Hong Kong "only two days ago at 11 a.m. to bring my friend's future wife to the Colony."

Wong was expelled from the Colony on Feb. 3 and was arrested by detectives at 11.15 p.m. on May 17 on the roof top of 40 Reclamation Street.

Defendant was sentenced to ten days' imprisonment and ordered to be re-expelled.

### BY ALEX RAYMOND

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## Witness Given Gruelling Cross-Examination

Mui Chiu-chan, nephew of the complainant, was given a gruelling cross-examination at Central yesterday by Mr. M. A. da Silva in the case in which Chan Yuen-shu alias Chan Shu, manager of the Wing Wo Cheung Firm, 311, Des Voeux Road, is charged with the fraudulent conversion of \$30,000 to his own use while being a trustee for Chan Tsui-king, a widow.

Defendant was represented by Mr. Marcus da Silva while the prosecution was conducted by Det. Sub-Inspector T. Cashman.

In reply to Mr. Silva, witness said that he was a graduate of Peking University and had been the editor of a paper in Kwelbin.

It was known by his aunt, complainant, that he had a good education. He admitted stating in evidence that in Dec. 1946 he went to the Hong Kong and Shanghai Bank and was not given the address of the guarantor but was given the name of the Wong Wo-cheung.

He agreed that Lee had purjured himself in the witness box. He would not go so far as to suggest that this was a swindle in which Lee was a member.

The only reason he could give why Lee had purjured himself in the box was that amounts had been drawn from the bank.

Asked if by this he meant that Lee did so to protect the Bank from a civil action, witness made no reply. It was incorrect to say that witness had made these statements to lay the foundation of a civil action against the bank.

He agreed that the Hong Kong Bank were careful in choosing the assistant comprobadores and he would have to be a man of integrity.

### A Forgery

Mr. Silva then referred to a conversation witness had had with the comprobador. He agreed that he had said that the comprobador had told him that if the money had got into the hands of swindlers it would be better for him to take what was offered.

At this point Mr. Silva asked witness whether Mr. Lee had compounded the swindle by suggesting that witness take what he could.

Referred to an exhibit, a document obtained from the Bank by Inspector Cashman, witness said that it was a forgery. This caused Mr. da Silva to enquire whether it was another crime against the bank for uttering a false document.

Witness was cross-examined at length on the other portion of his evidence. When his evidence did not agree with that of complainant, witness said that the witness was old and had a faulty memory.

## UNREGISTERED PRACTITIONER CHARGE

Wat Fat-fu, a Chinese doctor of No. 64, Des Voeux Road, first floor, appeared at Central Magistracy yesterday charged with being an unregistered practitioner.

Mr. Marcus da Silva, for defendant, pleaded not guilty. Inspector H. Moran prosecuted.

Cheung Ping, 30, foki, said in evidence that he consulted defendant regarding a skin disease. He was to receive five injections for \$50.

Wat personally treated him, witness stated. Defendant had diagnosed his ailment as skin disease and apart from injecting defendant, did not give him medicine or ointment.

Under cross-examination, witness said two men came into the shop. One, in uniform, informed witness that defendant was not registered.

The uniformed man took a statement from him.

Witness refuted counsel's suggestion that it was a planned raid asserting that he did not know anything about it.

He admitted under further questioning that defendant had given him some pills with directions. He explained that he forgot to mention it in his evidence in chief.

Hearing was adjourned to July 13 at 2.30 p.m.

Another of the fortnightly dances at the Kowloon Cricket Club will be held on Saturday, with dancing from 9 p.m. to 2 a.m.

Ken Cochrane's band will again be present, and members are urged to book their tables immediately. Admission is \$3 per head and refreshments will be served during the evening.

## WORK IS OVER--

### Dangerous Driver Fined

A total fine of \$300 was imposed on Lai Yiu Wah, 35, manager of Levee Company, Robinson Road, when he appeared at the Central Magistracy yesterday on charges of driving at a speed and in a manner dangerous to the public and driving on the wrong side of the road.

He admitted both offences.

Insp. Norman Reynolds said that he was called to an accident at the junction of Gap Road and Wongmaching Road on May 19 at 1.20 p.m. Two cars had collided.

Defendant had been nine feet out the wrong side of the road, causing the collision. He must have been travelling at 40 to 45 miles per hour according to his skid marks which were over 40 feet long.

Defendant was fined \$100 on each charge.

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Members and guests are reminded that they and their ladies MUST wear their badges PROMINENTLY DISPLAYED throughout the Meeting.

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Badges admitting non-members to the Members' Enclosure and Club Rooms at \$10 including tax are obtainable through the Secretary on the written or personal introduction of a Member, such Member to be responsible for all costs etc.

Badges admitting to Members' Enclosure will NOT be on sale at the RACE COURSE.

The Treasurers' Comptroller's Office will close at 11.00 a.m. and the Secretary's Office at 11.45 a.m. Both Offices at 1st Floor, Exchange Building.

A limited number of tickets will be obtainable at the Club House provided they are ordered in advance from the No. 1 Boy (Tel. 27818).

**NO CHILDREN WILL BE ADMITTED TO THE CLUB'S PREMISES DURING THE MEETING.**

**PUBLIC ENCLOSURE.**  
The price of admission to the Public Enclosure is \$3 including tax for all persons including ladies, and is payable at the Gate.

Bookmakers, Tic Tac men etc. will not be permitted to operate within the precincts of the Hong Kong Jockey Club during the Race Meeting.

Refreshments will be obtainable in the Restaurant in the Public Enclosure.

**SERVANTS' PASSES**  
Servants' passes will be issued to Private Box holders ONLY who are requested to distribute them with discrimination and to endorse their names on the passes. Holders of such passes are not permitted in the Members' Enclosure except for passing through on their duties but must remain in their employers' stands.

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# MORE TALK ON PALESTINE

## Council Rejects American Proposal

### Syrian Attack On U.S. Policy

**Lake Success, May 18.**  
The Security Council, in a debate on the Holy Land issue, rejected a United States proposal to submit questions to the Arab states regarding details of agreements they might have on Palestine. Only the United States, Britain, France and Colombia—three short of a majority—voted for the proposed questions. They were deleted from the questionnaire which accompanies the United States resolution describing the Palestine situation a menace to peace.

Earlier in the debate on the proposal to send a questionnaire to Arabs and Jews in Palestine, asking for information about the part they were playing in the fighting, Papa Mahmoud Bey Fawzi (Egypt) objected to the whole sense of the questions which, he said, were "extremely prejudicial."

They spoke of the "Provisional Government of Israel," but what, he asked, was the so-called Government?

The questionnaire also spoke of Jewish and Arab sections of Palestine—but on what basis were they determined?

Major Aubrey Eban, representing the Jewish Agency, said the questionnaire did not imply recognition of the Jewish state. It was merely a request for information addressed to the only de facto Jewish authority in Palestine today—the Provisional Government of Israel.

**"Blunder"**  
The Syrian delegate next asked whether the United States representative could justify his Government's recognition of the "illegal" proclamation of the so-called Jewish state.

If they could not justify that "blunder" in International law, he would be forced to submit the question to the International Court of Justice.

How could the United States recognise the Jews as the de facto authority? The state was proclaimed at 6 o'clock and was

—Reuter.

Mr. Warren Austin, the American representative, replying to Syria's query, said he could not admit that there was any tribunal in the world which could judge the legality of the American Government's recognition of Israel.

M. Alexandre Parodi, of France, then told the Security Council that the French Consul in Jerusalem, who is a member of the Security Council's Truce Commission, is besieged inside the French Consulate in Jerusalem, his phone cut off, and machine-guns fire spraying the building at intervals.

The Consul had telephoned to Parodi saying that Arab machine-guns posts had his consulates under fire from two sides, and that six people in the building had already been wounded.

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**Japan's Rail Strike**  
Tokyo, May 18.  
Private railway workers throughout Japan today began a 24-hour strike.

Attempts to settle the dispute ended in failure—yesterday after 11 hours of negotiation between management and workers.

Further negotiations between the Federation of Private Railway Operators and the General Federation of Private Railway Workers' Union were held this morning in an effort to check the strike in its initial stage.

The strike affects 13 private railway lines in the Kanto district of which Tokyo is the centre—six lines in the Chubu district and five lines in the Kansai district—with Kobe, and Kyoto as centres.

Hundreds of thousands of commuters travelling to Tokyo from outlying areas were seriously affected by the strike this morning, the Kyodo news agency reported.—Reuter.

**BRITISH PRESS STARVED**  
London, May 18.  
The Empire Press Union's Council reported today that the British press has suffered severely under a handicap amounting to paper starvation.

The organisation, made up of newspapermen in Britain and its Commonwealth, said the paper shortage had occurred "at a time of worldwide confusion between the nations when the public had stood exceptionally in need of world news."—Associated Press.

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### H.K.'s Rice Allocation

**Washington, May 18.**  
The International Emergency Food Council's Rice Committee today approved the proposed rice allocations for 1948, thereby making virtually certain that claimant nations will receive the suggested quotas.

Under the approved rice allocations proposal, Hong Kong will receive 125,000 metric tons of rice.—Associated Press.

### Egypt Seizes Cargoes

**Cairo, May 18.**

The Egyptian port authorities at Alexandria were reported today to have confiscated the cargoes of four ships—an Italian, British, Norwegian and an Egyptian—acting under the new "state of siege" orders.

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### U.S. WAR GAMES IN MED

**Washington, May 18.**  
The Navy Department today confirmed that 29 American warships will conduct major manoeuvres in the Mediterranean during June and July.

The vessels taking part will be in two groups: (1) Thirteen ships, including the 45,000-ton battleship Missouri and the new 45,000-ton aircraft carrier Coral Sea, carrying 3,183 midshipmen and naval reservists on a normal summer training cruise. (2) Sixteen warships, comprising the United States Eastern Atlantic Fleet.

The Eastern Atlantic Fleet now has 18 warships, but 12 replacement ships will join from the United States early next month, and 14 units of the fleet will sail for home, reducing its strength to 16.

The returning ships will include the aircraft carrier Philippine Sea, which will be replaced by the 27,000-ton carrier Mearsage.

The Navy Department said the two groups would join in "normal manoeuvres."

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12.30 p.m.—Daily Programme Summary.

12.33 p.m.—"From the 'Film'".

1.00 p.m.—"Hawke and Landau on Two Places".

1.15 p.m.—Weather Report and Announcements.

1.25 p.m.—"Nothing but Music".

1.30 p.m.—"Sidney Torch and Queen's Hall Light Orch. (ORIB)."

2.00 p.m.—"Music Down".

4.00 p.m.—Programme Summary.

4.01 p.m.—Children's Story: "Peter Duck" by Arthur Ransome. Episodes 22nd: "Great Gun" Read by Captain Flint (Studio).

6.30 p.m.—"Music for Romance"—Reinhold and His Players, Jack Cooper, Vocal (RIBCTB).

7.00 p.m.—"TOMA" with Tommy Handley (HIBCTB).

7.30 p.m.—La Demi-Heure (France).

8.00 p.m.—World and Home News (London Relay).

8.15 p.m.—"I Bring You Music" Classical Programme presented by Marion Glover (Studio).

8.15 p.m.—Book Reviews: Presented by Refineh Obilata (Studio).

8.30 p.m.—Night at the Ballet.

10.00 p.m.—World and Home News (London Relay).

10.15 p.m.—Weather Report.

10.16 p.m.—Sonata in D Major for Violin and Piano (Handel), Simon Goldberg (Violin) and Gerald Moore (Piano).

10.30 p.m.—"Pan America".

11.00 p.m.—Radio News Reel (London Relay).

11.15 p.m.—Weather Report and Close Down.

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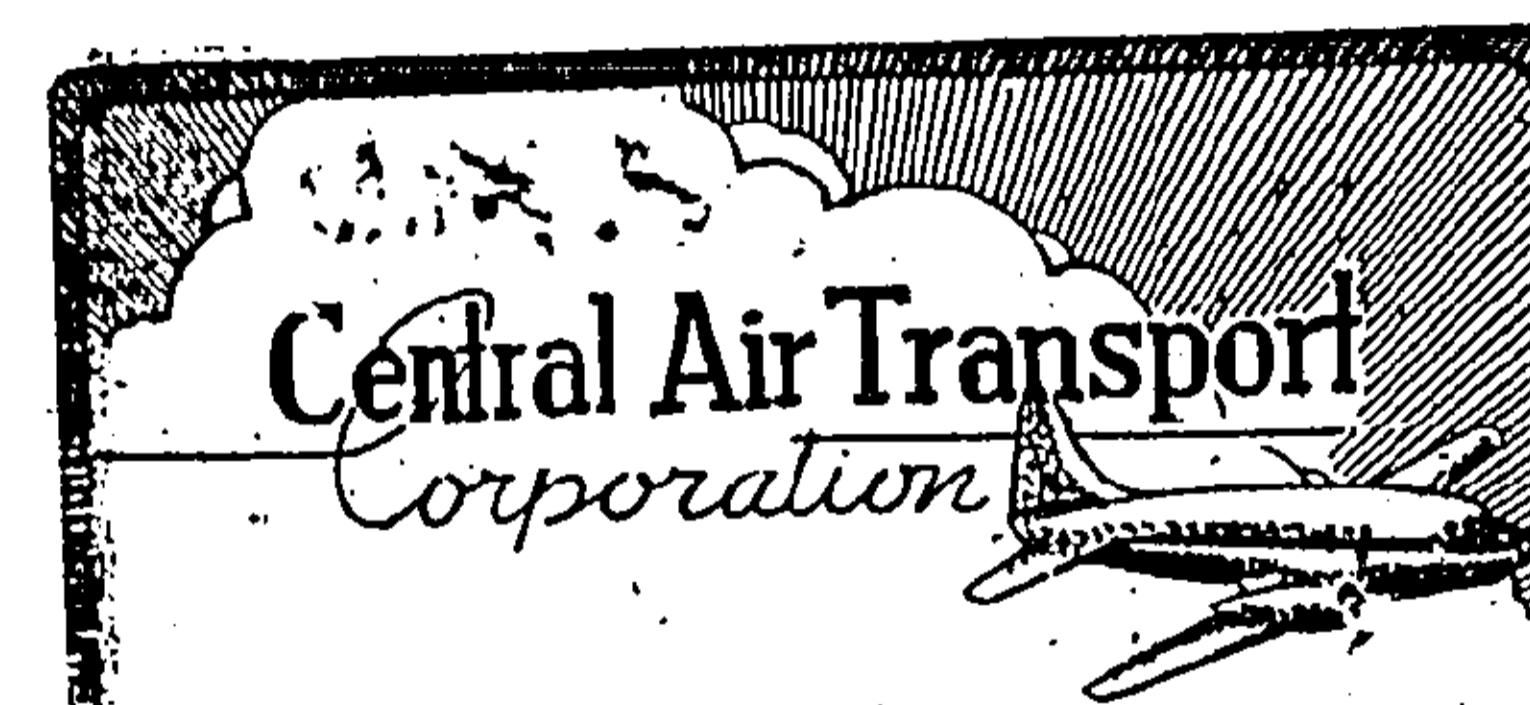
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## INDUCTION DAY

Theoretically, the induction into office to-day of the first constitutionally-elected President and Vice-President of the Chinese Republic, Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek and General Li Chung-ien, marks a milestone in China's political history. From what has appeared on the surface of Nanking manoeuvrings, however, it is difficult to detect at this juncture that any material change has taken place. If there is a difference, it has yet to assume any practical importance.

The election of Sun Fo as President and of Chen Li-fu as Vice-President of the Legislative Assembly cannot be regarded otherwise than clear proof that the Right Wing of the Kuomintang is still all-powerful in the National Government leadership, and what hopes of a more liberal tendency were roused by the revolt against the party line which resulted in Li Chung-ien's election as Vice-President have now been dismissed.

Sun Fo's appointment was a forgone conclusion. A middle-of-the-road politician, he was assured of the support of all Kuomintang groups. But the case of Chen Li-fu, head of the extreme Rightist so-called CC Clique, provided a straight-out test of strength between the "Old Gang" and the younger progressives, with a result which offers little expectation of the new approach which China's plight demands.

The personnel of the new Government has not yet been officially announced, but names mentioned in the Chinese Press give a pretty clear indication that here there will be no startling changes, though there is still a prospect that the Legislative Assembly may raise considerable opposition to the retention by Chang Chun of the office of Premier. Behind the scenes, a struggle is still going on, the one fact which can be regarded as at all encouraging, even though it may amount to little more than the trouble being experienced in fitting all the candidates for office into suitable positions. Another significant fact, too, is the refusal of General Pai Chung-hsi (whose post as Minister of National Defence has been given to General Ho Ying-chin) to accept the post of Central China Bandit Suppression Commissioner. Politically and otherwise, he is very closely connected with his fellow-provincial, the Vice-President Li Chung-ien. His expression of desire to retire altogether from public life does not, therefore, necessarily mean that he will remain in idleness.

None of these things now change the picture to any marked degree. The stage-management is unfortunately all too clear, and the flying of new colours fails to bring conviction that China is to-day entering upon a new era. Something has been gained, it is true, in the mere process of going through the motions of democratic election, but while the machine is geared to the same driving-force, it would be highly optimistic to expect any variation in the product.

**Prisoners' Aid**  
The recent successful appeal by a Government servant against a sentence of nine months' hard labour for alleged perjury gives food for thought. But for the fact that this particular defendant had the financial re-



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## MAGNETIC MINE PROBLEM

exercise a depressive effect upon his morale. This represented the highest professional advice, and of course is just the kind of thing that passes easily through a grave, Cabinet. Events swept it away; but not until a great deal of money had been spent. Part

so that the knowledge gained would be available when the second mine came to be dismantled. Eventually the combined efforts of all four men were required on the first, and their skill and devotion were amply rewarded.

That evening Ouvry and his party came to the Admiralty to report that the mine had been recovered intact and was on its way to Portsmouth for detailed examination. I received them with enthusiasm. I gathered to

sail against us. Now that they had done so, it seemed to me that the proper report for indiscriminate sluking by mines at the mouths of the British harbours was a similar and, if possible, more effective mining attack upon the Rhine.

The necessary permissions and priorities were obtained, and work started at full speed. In conjunction with the Air Ministry we developed a plan for mining the Ruhr section of the Rhine by charge from planes.

I entrusted all this work to Rear-Adm. FitzGerald, serving under the Fifth Sea Lord. This brilliant officer, who perished later in command of an Atlantic convoy, made an immense personal contribution. The technical problems were solved. A good supply of mines was assured, and several hundred ardent British sailors and marines were organised to handle them when the time should come.

All this was in November, and we could not be ready before March. It is always agreeable in peace or war to have something active coming along on your side. (To be Continued)

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Paving Way For  
Talks On Germany

London, May 18.

The heads of the delegations to the London six-power conference on Germany met, today, to seek a solution to the outstanding problems in time for the conference to conclude its work by the end of this week.

It is expected the conference committees will work at top speed during the next three days to prepare the way for a plenary session at which some measure of agreement can be registered on the two basic questions of a constitution for Western Germany and international control of the Ruhr.

No further meetings are expected in the near future of the "Big Four" Foreign Ministers' special deputies for Austria.

The stand taken by the United States and British deputies at their last meeting—the 10th—on May 6, has placed on Russia the onus of making fresh compromise proposals before meetings can be resumed.

Any such proposals would have to take into account the two principles of Anglo-American policy towards Austria to which France also adheres.

These are that Austria should keep her 1938 frontiers and that she should not pay Yugoslavia my reparations.

There is at present no indication that Russia intends to make concessions over these two questions on which she has so far consistently backed Yugoslavia's claims against Austria.

There has been some speculation among diplomatic observers in London, whether if Russia wished to make concessions over Austria, she would not aim at making them in direct talks with the United States rather than at the London deputies' conference.

Reuter.

The Hague, May 18.

Fire today destroyed most of the roof of Queen Wilhelmina's Palace of Noordelinde in The Hague and, for a time, threatened the Palace treasures, which were removed under the direction of Prince Bernhard, husband of Princess Julian.

The flames had taken a firm hold of the building before the fire brigades arrived, and mounted police had to hold back the throngs of people attracted by the blaze.

Queen Wilhelmina was not in the building. The fire, believed to have been caused by painters using blow-lamps to remove varnish, started on the top floor and the whole roof was quickly engulfed.

The fire coincided with a fire brigade exhibition now being held here, and the fire engines had to travel a considerable distance to the blaze.—Reuter.

Tokyo, May 19.

Japan's birthrate in February showed an increase of 37,282 over the previous month. February births totalled 200,481 and deaths 99,283.—Reuter.

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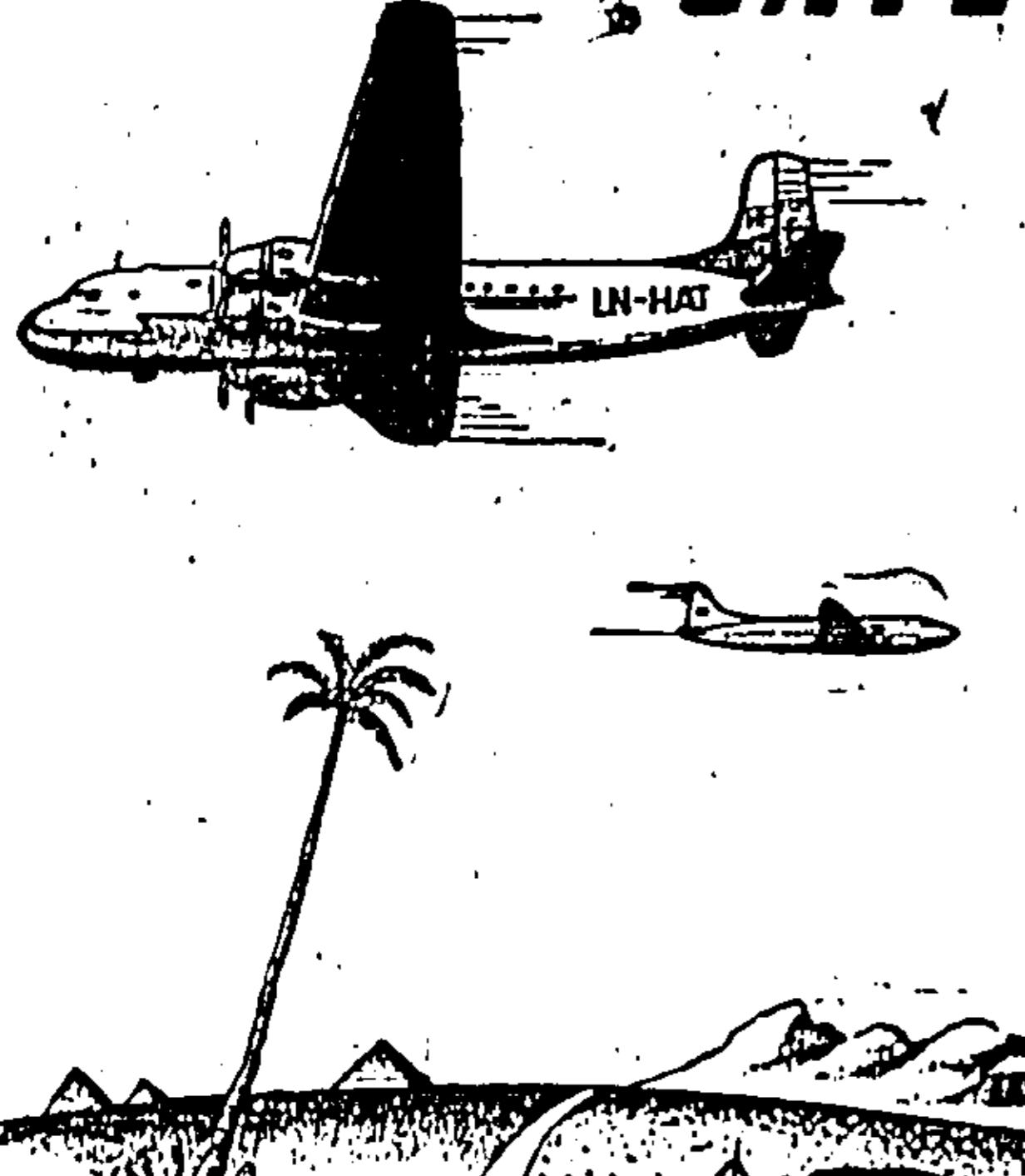
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# AMERICAN REPORT ON JAPAN: STARTLING RECOMMENDATIONS

## Big Reparations Slash Proposed

Washington, May 18. The Army today released a report recommending that Japanese reparations be slashed to about \$165,000,000, which is far below any previous proposal, and urging immediate large-scale economic aid to enable Japan to build up its exports to \$1,575,000,000 annually.

The report also urged that the breaking up of the Zaibatsu and other economic organizations should be as limited as possible to achieve its objective and not retard Japanese recovery.

The report of the Draper-Holmes mission laid down six general recommendations to enable Japan to attain her export goal.

The report said:

1. "Japan's merchant fleet should be substantially enlarged... Even if given an opportunity to increase merchant shipping by building, purchasing and bareboat chartering, it will be many years before Japan's merchant tonnage can be reasonably adequate for its needs."

2. The committee said the United States should "use our influence to overcome understandable trade discriminations which are practiced against Japan," especially in the Far Eastern markets.

3. The committee urged the resumption of "active trade between China and Japan."

**Cotton Textiles**

4. The committee said that Japan should obtain all possible food imports from nearby sources as she did before the war "rather than from expensive dollar areas as at present."

5. "Direct business contacts between buyers and sellers should be encouraged" and the Japanese Government should cut all possible "red tape" and other restrictions.

6. It recommended that "all export possibilities must be stimulated" mentioning particularly cotton textiles, "expanded use of woolen and worsted facilities of Japan," rayon and raw silk.

It said that:

1. The Japanese Government should try to balance its budget "at the earliest possible moment."

2. The Japanese Government should reduce Government expenditures and

3. Occupation authorities should continue their efforts to reduce occupation costs."

**Yen Rate**

4. "Controlled prices should be adjusted as expeditiously as possible to production costs" and subsidies be discontinued wherever possible.

5. SCAP should continue prodding the Japanese to augment tax collections and,

6. The Japanese Government should make greater efforts to collect all income taxes due from those who file their own tax returns and do not have taxes withheld at source.

## Guerillas Raid Kashmir

New Delhi, May 19. Moslem guerilla raiders from the mountainous Gilgit State infiltrated into the Indian-held area of Kashmir, attacking Indian troops guarding the northern approaches to Kashmir, it was announced today.

The announcement said Indian troops repulsed the raiders with heavy losses.

Gilgit is a tribal state bordering Russia. It was seized by the British at end of the nineteenth century to forestall a feared expansion southward by Russia toward India.

The British handed the state government to Kashmir's Hindu Maharajah Hari Singh when they quit India last August. The Maharajah's governor ruled the state until November, 1945, when Moslem rebels overthrew the Hindu governor and claimed the state for Pakistan.

The report said Indian troops still held Skardu, control point for the 6,000-foot (Buri) pass which connects Gilgit with the fertile Kubrik valley.

The communiqué said other Moslem guerillas in the southern Jammu sector of Poona, near the Pakistan frontier, set fire to a fort and attacked the Indian positions under cover of smoke. The Moslem were repulsed with artillery fire.—United Press.

## FOOD STRIKES OVER

Hanover, May 19. The food protest strike in Hanover ended today when the last of the strikers, 43,000 mainly clerical and office workers, resumed work. The German government service, DENA, reported Reuter.

## Tar Factory Explosion

Kearney, New Jersey, May 18. At least 10 were killed in an explosion followed by fire at a tar and chemical factory here shortly before midnight last night. Nine bodies were taken from the ruins of the building and a tenth victim died in hospital.

Firemen searched the wreckage for other victims of the explosion, which also set off a fire in an adjoining building.—Reuter.

## Victory For Jews Forecast

Rochester, N.Y., May 18. Victory for the Jewish armies fighting the Arabs in Palestine was predicted by a London publisher today.

Guy Bartholomew, Chairman of

the Board of the London Daily Mirror, said in an interview with the Rochester Times Union that world Jewry could not afford "to let the Jews in Palestine down."

"The Arabs may win some of the opening battles but in the long run the Jews will win."

He said that a United Nations Army should be sent to Palestine to stop the fighting.

The publisher declared that the British public "wholeheartedly supports" the withdrawal from Palestine.—Associated Press.

## MURDER IN A PRISON

Oxford, May 18. Twenty-three-year-old Harry Nichols was sentenced today to hang for the St. Patrick's Day slaying of a fellow inmate at Oxford prison.

"I was singing 'I'll Take You Home Again, Kathleen' as it was St. Patrick's Day," Nichols testified. "He woke up and said, 'If you don't shut your noisy Irish mouth, you won't take anyone home again!'"

Nichols said he lashed out at the other prisoner, Thomas Turner, with his fists and "after that I don't remember."

Police witnesses testified Nichols told them he hated Turner because he "kept moaning about conditions."

The hanging sentence will be commuted to life imprisonment under Government policy in force since a House of Commons vote last month to suspend the death penalty for murder for an experimental five-year period.—Associated Press.

## IRE MAY NOT TAKE MARSHALL AID

Dublin, May 19. The Foreign Minister, Sean McBride, warned today that Ire may not be able to take part in the Marshall Plan.

He spoke to a press conference before leaving tonight for the United States by air where he will talk over this problem, as well as others, in Washington.

"I should like to warn against optimism in connection with ERP aid. Announcements from Washington indicate that in the case of Ireland this aid will be only by way of a loan. Inasmuch as our exports to Western Hemisphere countries are negligible we would have no means of repaying any dollars the United States might be kind enough to offer."

"Hence it appears to me that we may find ourselves unable to avail ourselves of ERP aid if it is by way of a loan. Acceptance of a loan, on however generous terms, would be undertaking an obligation to repay in dollars the amount advanced," he said.

McBride plans to press for a grant instead of a loan.—United Press.

## COMMUNIST WORK

Athens, May 18. The Greek Minister of Public Order, M. Constantin Rendis, declared today that the assassination on May 1 of M. Christos Laddis, former Greek Minister of Justice, was carried out on the orders of the Communist Party.—Reuter.

## SPEEDING UP AIR TRAVEL

Geneva, May 19.

A 17-nation conference to ease governmental difficulties hindering air transport, opened in the Palace of the Nations here today.

The conference, the second session of the division of the International Civil Aviation Organisation, is to continue for two weeks.

The delegates are expected to make recommendations aimed at speeding up the formalities of customs, immigration, public health and currency exchange controls at airports.—Associated Press.

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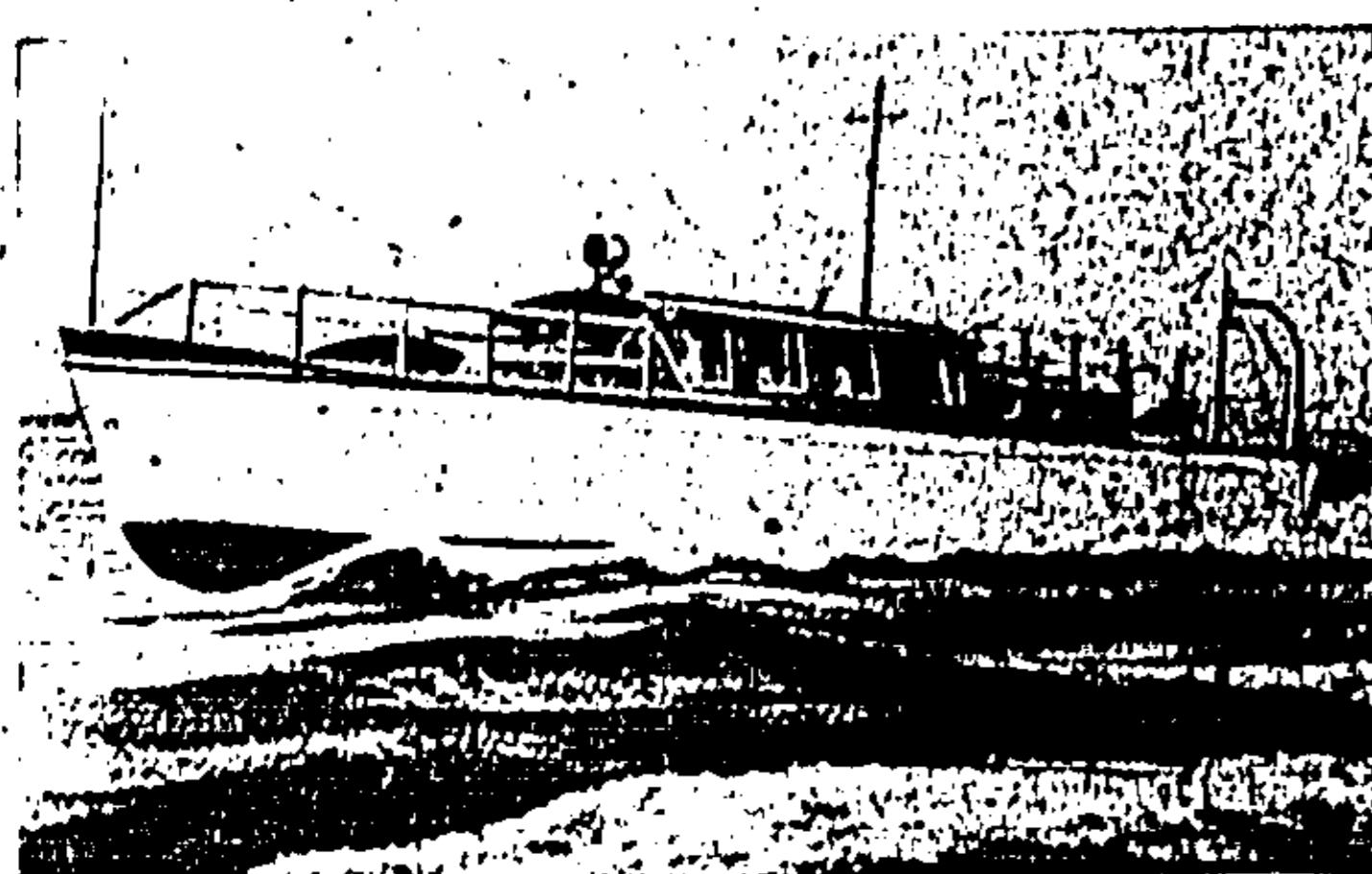
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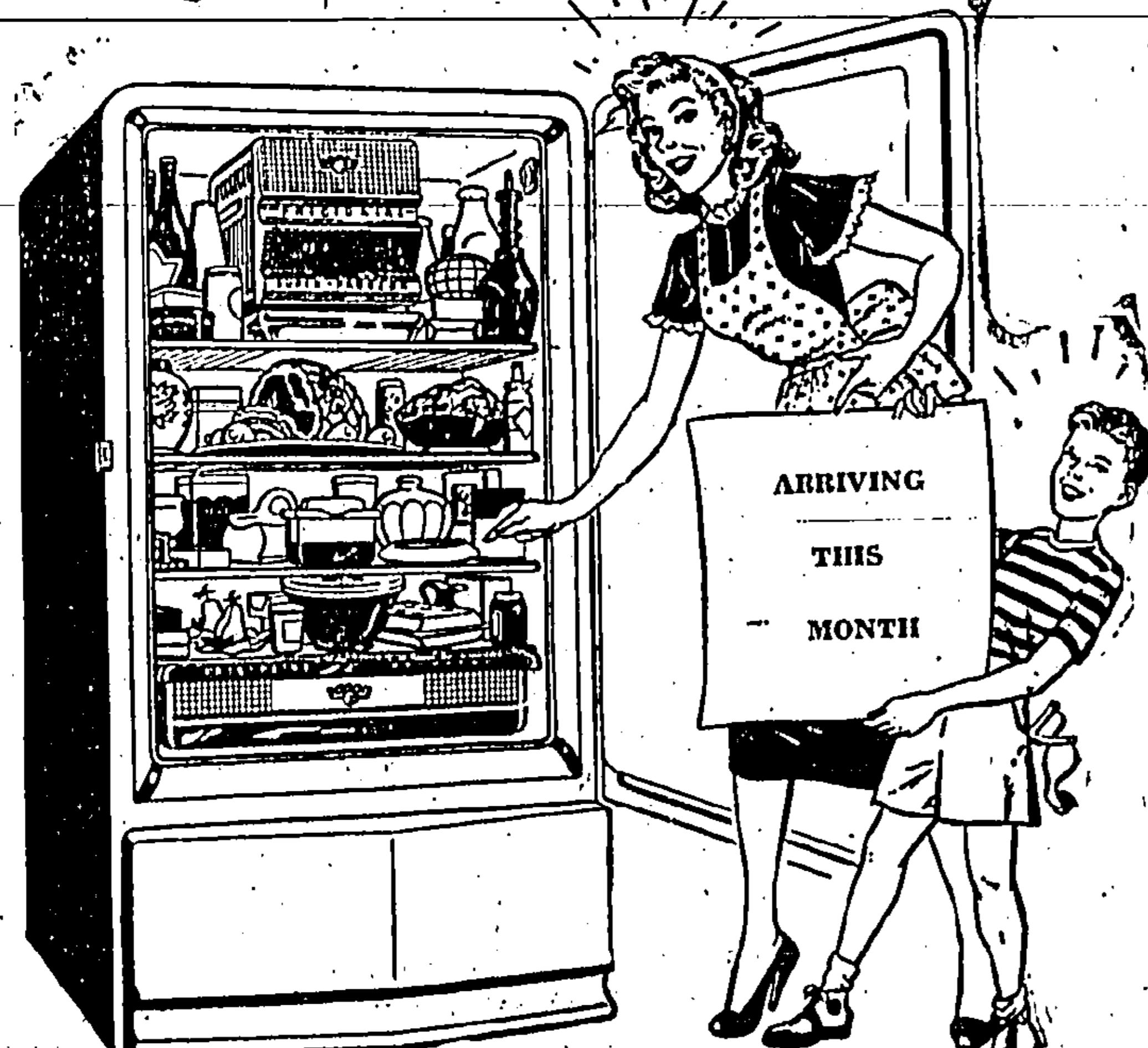
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## ENGINEERING PAGE

### Modern Features Of Recent Rolling Stock Construction

Pictures in this page show a "Self-Service" Cafeteria Car recently constructed at the Railway Workshops at Islington, South Australia, for use on the S.A. Railways. The car has an overall length of 77 ft. is 9' 6" wide, weighs 44 tons fully equipped and incorporates many unusual features in design which are of interest to technicians in this field of construction.

The car is carried on four-wheel bogies of a fabricated light weight design, made up of mild steel pressings, electrically welded together. The roller bearing axleboxes and flexible springs combined with the liberal use of rubber and special bonded asbestos wearing surfaces, ensure the passenger a smooth and comfortable ride, and noise being considerably reduced. The underframe, side frames and roof are combined in a box unit by welding the sections together. All side frame, roof and floor members are steel pressings, and the result is a light-weight fabricated structure of exceptional strength and rigidity.

In the general design special attention has been given to temperature control and the reduction of noise by the use of kapok mattresses as insulators in the side frames and roof, provision of two inches of cork and rubber in the floor and the double glazing of all the windows, the inner panes of which are shatter-proof.

Its streamlined appearance is enhanced by the attractive exterior paneling of anodised aluminum alloy which is of

1/32-inch thick strips and was rolled in unbroken lengths of 73 feet. The interior is coloured masonry and includes anodised aluminum fittings, a generous window space, and venetian blinds for the windows, the seats of which are also aluminum. An unusual feature is the door and seating arrangement enables ready access to each vacant seat without inconvenience to other passengers.

#### Air Conditioning

The air conditioning arrangement gives a constant supply of filtered air at controlled tem-

perature with the construction of a relatively small number of cars. In the latter year, the workshops were modernised and the main engineering block is now an all-steel building with a floor area of 600 ft. x 377 ft. and is fitted up, with many modern machines. Included in the equipment is a Gap Rivetter with crane towers 70' above the floor and squeezes rivets up to 1 1/4 inches diameter into boilers; a number of presses up to a capacity of 1,000 tons; Batteries of Automatic appliances; and numerous Multiple Drills and Automatic Lathes;

Paint Mills, and now not only manufactures its own rolling stock. Locomotives and Railway requirements but also where other railroads have found difficulty in obtaining equipment have constructed a large number of cars and other railway items to meet urgent needs.

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The use of aluminium in the general construction is designed to minimise dead weight as well as for its decorative qualities. The Cafeteria Car can accommodate 45 passengers and its construction is in keeping with the high standard of skill and design maintained by the Islington Workshops.

Some of the features of the workshops in which this car was constructed may be of interest.

#### At Islington

The Islington Workshops with 2,000 employees, is controlled by the South Australian State Railways, and covers a total area of 101 acres of which 23 1/4 acres are occupied by buildings. The earliest shops were built in 1890 and the main work carried out until 1928 was the main

Passenger and Buffet cars and also in the Passenger field, the conversion of existing cars to modern requirements. Freight stock including open and closed wagons and wooden Lorry cars are also on the production lines.

Modern streamlined 1-8-2 type locomotives for fast passenger traffic are also in production and a number have already been placed in service.

### New Developments In Radar And Radio

At the British Industries Fair Marconi's Wireless Telegraph Co. Ltd., of Chelmsford, England, last week showed some of the latest developments in radar and in radio for communication and navigation. Their stand was in the Empire Hall, Olympia, London. The exhibits included police equipment; long-distance communication equipment, such as is used on the world's telegraph services; the latest developments in television transmitter equipment and P. M. broadcasting; electronic testing and measuring equipment; commentator microphones, and a display of radio valves which includes the largest water-cooled transmitter valve in the world.

The smallest of the exhibits is a 2-watt combined transmitter and receiver which has been developed for use by river pilots. It works on very high frequencies and can easily be carried on board a vessel by a pilot so that he has a portable self-contained means of talking to the shore or to the pilots of other vessels. Other applications of this set include its use by the Press for reporting and for a variety of mobile uses.

The police equipment includes a new frequency-modulated "headquarters" set for communication with police cars and with other control centres. A new development is a complete rack assembly of control centre equipment. This rack—which has been designed for use at the control centre of a large metropolitan or county police force—combines in one compact unit all the various control panels and equipment used for diversity transmission and reception. Diversity communication is being widely adopted by the police as a means of ensuring clear and reliable contact with mobile units over a very wide area.



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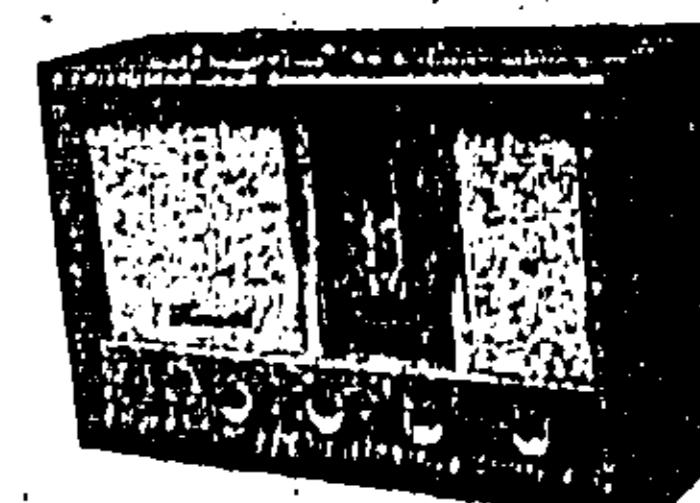
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Many Countries

Washington, May 18.

The United States Government tonight formally rejected Marshal Stalin's proposal of bilateral American-Russian talks on the basis of the open letter sent to him by Mr. Henry Wallace, the third party Presidential candidate.

Marshal Stalin's latest diplomatic move, announced by Moscow Radio last night, was made in response to an "open letter" addressed to him by Mr. Wallace.

Marshal Stalin accepted the issues outlined by Mr. Wallace as a basis for the talks.

Tonight, the State Department, in a statement, formulated, it was understood, by Mr. George Marshall, the Secretary of State, after consultation with President Truman, said:

"If one side refuses to collaborate, the result will be conflict-war," he added.

The same observers regarded the Wallace proposals as a much less concrete basis for discussion than Marshal Stalin's references to them appeared to suggest.

They felt that the generalizations in them would soon lead to a whole series of Soviet-American deadlocks if the United States agreed to open discussions. Among the proposals in Premier Stalin's statement are not bilateral issues between this country and the Soviet Union.

They are of intimate and compelling interest to many countries, and have been under negotiation for the past two years or more in bodies where other countries were represented, such as the United Nations and the Council of Foreign Ministers.

## Clear Warning

"For example, the United Nations Atomic Energy Commission and its sub-committees have held over 200 meetings and the Commission just yesterday proved its inability to reach an agreement because of the adamant opposition of two of its members—the Soviet Union and the Ukraine—in proposals which were acceptable to the other nine nations represented on the Commission.

A similar situation exists with regard to the other issues mentioned in Premier Stalin's statement."

White House officials earlier pointed out that Marshal Stalin had made no specific proposals. Russian diplomatic correspondents wrote that observers in London suggested today that Marshal Stalin's pronouncement should be interpreted as a clear warning by him that the threat of open conflict was increasingly real unless the American Government was willing to discuss its differences with Russia on the basis approved by Moscow.

These observers saw a striking similarity between Generalissimo Stalin's reply to Mr. Wallace and his statements in a private interview with Mr. Harold Stassen a year ago.

## Result—War

Marshal Stalin had told Mr. Stassen, who was visiting Russia privately as a leading Republican, that Russia had been willing to collaborate with Germany before the war, as with all other nations, but the Germans refused to collaborate.

Negotiations are in progress in an effort to avert the strike.

Reuter.

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19 Dead In  
Cyclone

Rio de Janeiro, May 18. Nineteen were reported killed and more than 100 injured by a cyclone in southern Brazil today.

"Houses were destroyed and other extensive damage was caused by the cyclone," Reuter.

Japan, and the removal of troops from China and Korea.

Army troops in recent weeks have been involved in a series of robberies, rape and other crimes. Police announced some were involved in the US\$3,000,000 gold robbery last week. — Associated Press.

London, May 18.

The recent atomic tests at Eniwetok proved "how bombs now under development by the United States would work" and their efficiency.

Honolulu, May 18.

Lifting the curtain of secrecy only slightly, Lieutenant General John E. Hull, Commander of the Joint Task Force, said today, "We got our answers and we like the answers."

It was implied strongly that the new weapons are a vast improvement over the Hiroshima bomb and those tested at Bikini. Lt. Gen. Hull and his staff returned by plane from the remote, closely guarded atoll where three improved atomic weapons were tested.

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Siamese  
Military  
Out Of  
Hand

Bangkok, May 18. The chiefs of the Defence Ministry resigned today. They said they could no longer control the military.

Those resigning were the Defence Minister, Lieutenant-General Luang Charu Nokrob, and his assistant Ministers, Rear-Admiral Luang Sintthavannati and Group-Captain Monchao Rangsiyakurn.

The Defence Minister was in the Cabinet of Premier Khuang Aphul-wong, which was forced out by the military in March. He was persuaded to stay on in the Government of Premier Plibun Songgram on condition that the coup clique did not interfere with the administration of the armed forces.

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London, May 18.

Recently nationalised electricity companies today raised electric bills for London and many other parts of England.

C. T. Melling, chairman of the Eastern Electricity Board, told a press conference that the price jump was made necessary by the increased cost of coal and rises in wages and salaries for electric company employees.

Melling said that even before nationalization many private companies had planned to raise the rates. He estimated that the Eastern Electricity Board would face a loss of \$40,000,000 this year. — United Press.

Edinburgh, May 18.

The Reverend Alexander Macdonald, Minister of St. Columba's Church in Glasgow, was elected Moderator of the Church of Scotland today. — Associated Press.

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## FINANCE AND COMMERCE

# PURCHASES FOR AID PLAN To Be Made By U.S. In Eastern Europe

## American Loans Repayment

Washington, May 18. Mr. Paul G. Hoffman, ERP Administrator, said today at a press conference that he planned "very definitely" to make purchases in Eastern Europe for the European recovery programme. Mr. Hoffman said the purchases would probably be confined to goods in short supply in the United States, such as coal, wheat and timber. Mr. Hoffman said it was hoped very shortly to extend to Latin America the Economic Cooperation Administration's purchases in the Western Hemisphere which have, so far, been confined to Canada.

It would, however, be some time before arrangements could be completed for using Marshall Plan funds in Argentina.

Questioned on the United States Administration's plans for lending money to Europe, Mr. Hoffman said he intended to make "the kind of loans that could be repaid, and should be repaid, if recovery takes place." At the same press conference, Mr. Averell Harriman, the roving Ambassador, reported on his recent visit to Europe. He said he was gratified by the "substantial progress" made by the organization for European economic cooperation in getting its organization together and the enthusiasm with which problems were being tackled.

### Not Unilateral

Mr. Harriman added that he was now working with Mr. Hoffman on the completion of the various ERP staffs to be placed in the European capitals and would probably leave Washington again to take up permanent residence in Paris in about 10 days time.

He agreed that it would be some time before the organization had comprehensive requirements listed and ready to place before the ECA in Washington.

It was hoped, however, to have their estimates for the July to September quarter of this year within two or three weeks.

Answering questions, Mr. Harriman denied the United States intended to impose a unilateral policy. "The United States has no unilateral policy," he said.

### Supply Of Talent

All mutual problems will be tackled together between the United States and the European Governments concerned.

It was announced at the press conference that the ECA is setting up a standing committee of leading American financiers to revise on policies for stabilizing

## Sterling And E.R.P.

Washington, May 18. Mr. Averell Harriman, the Marshall Plan roving Ambassador in Europe, said today the United States would seek a "mutual" solution with Britain of the problem of the sterling area and its relationship to the European recovery programme.

He flatly denied that the United States intended to impose a bilateral policy in this matter.—Reuter.

## Hong Kong Stock Exchange

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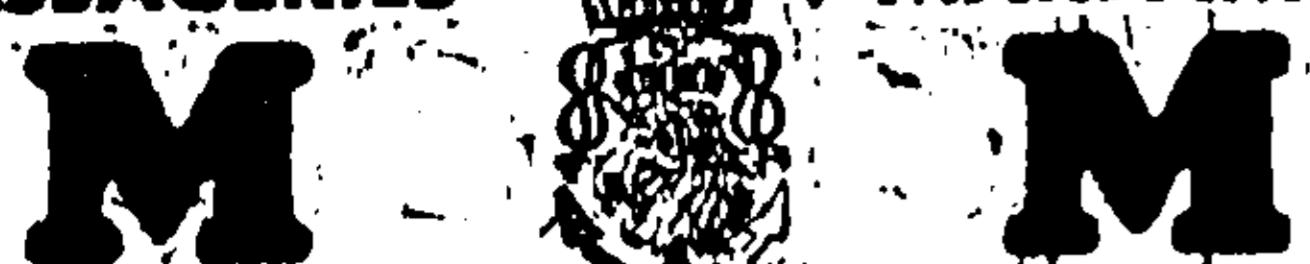
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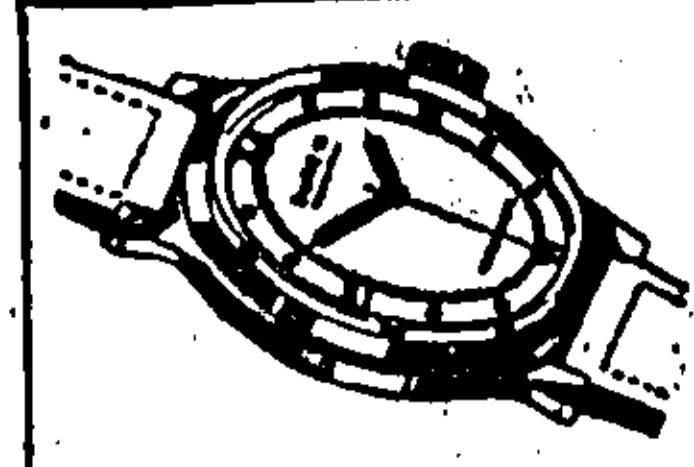
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# CHINA MAIL

HONG KONG, THURSDAY, MAY 20, 1948.

## Stage Club's General Meeting

The first general meeting of the Hong Kong Stage Club since the inaugural committee elections in 1946 was held last night in the King George's Hall of the Missions to Seamen's Institute.

The Rev. Clifford Davies, R.N., retiring chairman of the Club, read the report on the last year's presentations. In his address he dealt with the history of the Stage Club, when it was "purely a Services organisation."

"Since the Club was founded, no fewer than fourteen plays have been produced, ranging from 'The Man Who Came to Dinner' to the Medieval Morality, 'Everyman,'" he said.

At the moment the Club is in a state of transition, as many of the service personnel who formerly made up its ranks are leaving. The responsibility for adjusting this civilian-service position will therefore rest with the new committee.

The chairman added: "Given a larger stage and a more commodious house, there is no reason why the next season should not be a great success."

### Long-Term Policy

"I should like to see a programme mapped out for next year to include, say, a Shakespeare play amongst other things. I should like to see a long-term policy with regard to a permanent home being established. We should aim to provide Hong Kong with full facilities for enjoyment of the fine arts."

"As to our radio work, we have an enthusiastic nucleus of urgent broadcasters who are doing excellent work. Although at the moment we are somewhat cramped in production by the limits of the Z.B.W. Studio, this will not always be the case."

The Rev. Clifford Davies, R.N., was re-elected Chairman. The following committee was elected: Mr. R. Orlitius, Mrs. P. Combes, Mr. Alan Russell, Mr. Philip Burn, Mr. Peter Gregory, Father Sheridan and Mr. Hubert Clarke.

Lt.-Col. E. B. Brasier-Creagh, secretary of the Dramatic Group of the Sino-Brilliant Club, concluded the meeting with an address on the new "Oscar" awards, explaining the Group's desire to gain the co-operation of the various dramatic groups of the Colony for the good of the Stage in general.

The meeting ended with a vote of thanks to the retiring committee.

Two Chinese males, one residing in Graham Street and the other in Queen's Road West, were admitted to Hospital yesterday, both suffering from an overdose of lysis.

## COUNTY CRICKET

### MIDDLESEX OVERCOME BIG TASK

London, May 18.

The brave recovery of Sussex after following on, set Middlesx the surprisingly big task of making 220 runs to win in three and a quarter hours, but another century by Jack Robertson, his second of the match, enabled the champions to win with 35 minutes to spare.

Except for chance at 88 to Bartlett at mid-off from the last over of the day, but Kent gave Hampshire a fright by dismissing eight men before victory was achieved.

Perfectly timed drives and pulls brought him most of his 15 fours in a stay of two hours and 20 minutes. He made 137 out of 190.

After a flurry of excitement, the Roses must ended in a draw, wholly in Lancashire's favour. The Yorkshiremen failed to save the follow-on, losing their last six first innings wickets for 48 runs, Glamorgan 485 for 48 runs, Glamorgan 485 for nine declared (Watkins 101) Worcestershire 284 and 163 (White 51, Wooller four for 44).

At Nottingham: Nottinghamshire beat Surrey by four wickets, Surrey 419 and 268 for 8 declared (Squires 110, F. R. Brown 54), Nottinghamshire 420 for 9 declared and 268 for six (Keeton 64, Hardstaff 79).

At Southampton: Hampshire beat Kent by two wickets, Hampshire 443 for 5 declared and 127 for 8, Kent 256 and 310 for 7—Reuter.

At Lords: Middlesex beat Sussex by eight wickets. Middlesex 392 for 5 declared and 220 for two (Roberson 137), Sussex 136 and 455 (Jas Langridge 70, Bartlett 60, J. Oakes 63).

At Leicestershire: Leicestershire versus Northamptonshire, match drawn: Leicestershire 340 and 221 for nine declared (Pantie not out 100), Northamptonshire 289 and 137 for 6 (Brookes not out 70; Davis not out 61).

At Leeds: Yorkshire versus Lancashire, match drawn: Lancashire 450, Yorkshire 255 and 177 for five—Reuter.

### Tennis Player's Feat

London, May 18.

Miss Gem Hon-hing, Chinese tennis player, who was born in Hong Kong, recently performed a remarkable feat in a tennis tournament at Hurlingham near London. In the finals of the women's singles she created a record in beating the prominent English player, Miss E. C. Peters without conceding a single game—the first time this has happened in the finals of this tournament.

The feat is made all the more remarkable by the fact that Miss Ho, owing to falling eyesight which she feared last year might prevent her competing in further tennis tournaments, has now to wear spectacles. Several commentators have remarked on her fine play in this match and have suggested she might be considered for inclusion in the Wightman Cup team.

This is not her only success this season, for she had already won the Surrey hard court championship and has reached the semi-final of the British hard court championship.

### Bowls Teams

Lawn Bowls teams—Filipino Club, in a 2nd Division League match against Taikoo on Recreation Club at Taikoo on Saturday at 3.30 p.m.:

J. W. Lee, John Tang, R. O. Hughes, W. Field (Skip), F. J. Rodrigues, John Cotton, W. G. Ogle, Mr. Altenza (Skip), L. S. Da Silva, Alfred Taylor, H. Y. Hsu, Dan Rozario (Skip), Filipino Club v. Kowloon Cricket Club in a friendly at home on Sunday at 4.00 p.m.:

J. W. Lee, John Tang, Y. Abina, W. Field (Skip), F. J. Rodrigues, John Cotton, W. G. Ogle, V. Chittenden (Skip), L. S. Da Silva, J. Liddell, H. Y. Hsu, Dan Rozario (Skip), Reserves: C. F. Lee and J. Dolgado.

Mr. Alan Russell, J. Dixon, Dr. Selby, L. Colyer (Skip), J. S. Howell, J. O. Gray, N. Bullock, W. E. Hollands (Skip).

B. I. Blackford, J. Bradley, K. S. Robertson, C. Gough (Skip), Reserves F. D. Angus and E. C. Kerrison.

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Hong Kong Football Club 2nd Team v. Club de Recreio on the H.K.F.C. green at 3.30 p.m.:

A. Coleman, H. Wooley, A. Bailey, C. Strange (Skip).

Lt. Col. Dowbiggin, T. O. Morgan, K. Forrow, D. W. Fletcher Capt. (Skip).

J. Bennett, T. Waller, C. Carr, J. Hayward (Skip).

Reserves: G. Willerton, Hamley, L. Strange and R. Miller.

Hong Kong Electric Recreation v. Craigengower at Happy Valley on Saturday:

F. H. Fell, T. E. Boycott, R. de Rome and J. F. Lunny (Skip).

J. O. Stokoe, E. Foulson, W. Stonehouse and R. C. Butler (skip).

G. W. K. Crawford, J. H. Collins, J. F. Barron and A. G. Gardner (skip).

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A Chinese male is reported to

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